

# The Hickman Courier

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McTurner hired to lead city

## City has a new manager

During a special called meeting last week, the Mayor and Commissioners voted 5-0 to hire Johnny McTurner, of Troy, Tenn., to fill the vacant position.

McTurner was selected from a group of applicants who interviewed with Commission members over the past several weeks, and brings 14 years of management skills from his former



Johnny McTurner

job in supervision at the Union City Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

"I am excited about the great opportunity given to me by the leadership of Hickman," McTurner told The Courier. "I am looking forward to getting to know the people of the town and solving any issues that may arise now, and in the future, by implementing plans to help the city run as efficiently as possible."

The new City Manager is a 1995 graduate of Obion County Central High School and continued his education at the University of Tennessee-Martin, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Business.

Before taking a supervision position with Goodyear, McTurner worked briefly with Hurley and Associates, of Union City, as a Strategist for farmers with marketing, finance and managed production, and also was a Crop Consultant with Wa-

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## Lattus hearing moves again

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

"We are in the process of finalizing some type of agreement," stated Commonwealth Attorney Michael Stacy in the case against alleged murderer Thomas "Tommy" Lattus. "We ask for a continuance until Friday."

While somewhat reluctant to grant yet another continuance

for a pre-trial conference hearing in the Lattus case with the trial set to begin on April 22, First District Judge Tim Langford agreed to move the hearing to Friday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m.

"This is the last time we will postpone this hearing," added Judge Langford, noting that the trial is set to begin in seven weeks.

With Attorney Stacy and Defense Attorney Dennis Null agreeing to the new date and time, court was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Lattus, not in court today, allegedly confessed to the murder of Hickman Mayor the late Charles Murphy in the early morning hours of January 23, 2012. Family members from both sides were in court today.

Both sides have been working on a possible plea agreement since before December 5, 2012.

## THIS WEEK

**OBITUARIES**  
Jean E. Fuller  
Julia Kinser  
Anita Lattus Youree  
Lewis W. Browder  
Danny Mack Haney

**RIVER STAGE FORECASTS**  
OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.  
Wednesday, March 6 - 27.7  
Thursday, March 7 - 27.5  
Friday, March 8 - 27.1  
Saturday, March 9 - 26.8  
Sunday, March 10 - 26.7

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## Local Weather

Thu	49/30	
3/7		
Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.		
Fri	58/36	
3/8		
Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.		
Sat	64/47	
3/9		
Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.		
Sun	65/53	
3/10		
Cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.		
Mon	58/42	
3/11		
A few thunderstorms possible.		

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After graduating from Fulton County High School in 2011, Leonard Smith, Jr., went on to play basketball at Gulf Coast State in Panama City, Florida. Smith, Jr. has narrowed down his choices of five division one universities who have all offered him full scholarships to play basketball and study physical education next fall.

On Saturday, Feb. 23 Smith played his last home game during sophomore night. Walking with Smith during the festivities were his father, Leonard Smith, Sr. and mother, Robbie Kinney.

On Sophomore night the Gulf Coast Commodores hosted the Indians from Chipola College. The Commodores won the game by 20 points, 92 to 72. Smith, Jr. and four other sophomores played a big part during the upset win over the Indians. The Commodores record this season

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### Turning Back The Clock

**25 Years Ago**  
May 19, 1988

Obituaries: J.W. Roberts 46; and Pearl Phipps, 85.

The Fulton County-City of Hickman Rescue Squad received a boost when Governor Wallace Wilkinson announced that he had approved a \$20,000 grant to help with the purchase of the building on Hwy. 94, across the road from the Fulton County School Complex.

Mrs. Nell Exum of Palestine Homemakers Club was the 1988 winner of the Pasta Dairy Recipe Contest. Mrs. Exum received a certificate, pasta spoon and the opportunity to enter the area contest.

Fulton County High School Cheerleaders for the 1988-1989 school year include, Junior Varsity squad: Amy Major, Andrea Lynch, Mary Carol Harris, Dionne Nerren, Holly McNeil, and Beverly Fulcher; and Varsity squad: Stephanie Eakes, Melanie Foley, Stephanie Fields, Melanie Woods, Sharon Wilson, Suzanne Strong, Missy Argo, Lisa Ramsey and Stacy Rash.

**50 Years Ago**  
August 22, 1963

Four local youngsters were awarded \$25 bronzed pictures following Clack Supermarket's children's beauty contest: Debbie Holcombe, Carla Childers, Corkie Hodges, and Michael Gene Newton.

Bobby R. Wright has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAFD upon graduation from officer training school at Lackland AFB, Texas. Lieut. Wright was selected for the training course through competitive examinations with other college graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Newton won a free trip to St. Louis to see Cardinal baseball games over the weekend. Newton was awarded the prize through his efforts as insurance agent for Life of Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller's new baby boy weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz., and has been named Kevin Lynn. He joins a brother, Larry, 4-1/2, and their mother is the former Joyce Callison.

**75 Years Ago**  
August 12, 1938

Softball crashed the gates of popularity here July 29 when a crowd of 500 turned out to see the first night games at Stubbs Park. The grove was packed with cars and all the seats and good standing room were occupied with enthusiastic fans, as our local boys battled for their hard earned scores.

In running through some old records on file at the courthouse in Clinton, Ky., recently Attorney W.J. McMurray discovered a plat of the town of Mills Point, Ky., which was entered in Deed Book "B" page 354, and dated July 19, 1834. Another entry in Deed Book "B" page 382 on October 8, 1834, showed the same plat calling it the town of Hickman. The description showed Moulton, Clinton, and Obion Streets and described the width as well as the length of the blocks in poles. Clinton Street was given two poles wide. "Just when was the name of Mills Point changed to Hickman?" is a frequently asked question. This is the nearest to an authentic answer that has been brought to the attention of The Courier, so far as a casual survey of its files reveal.

Elvis Stahr, Jr., son of Judge and Mrs. E.J. Stahr, arrived in Hickman Tuesday evening to visit his parents a few weeks after visiting friends in England and America for the past seven weeks.

**125 Years Ago**  
August 26, 1888

Burglars have been frequently about Jordan the past several weeks. Robert Willingham's business house was entered and his cash drawer robbed, as also was Tittsworth's drug store. Tuesday night Mr. Willingham's private residence was entered when his pants, several dollars in money and some valuable notes and paper were taken. Other houses in that vicinity also have been robbed recently.

The recent rains have very considerably damaged the corn crops. The grounds being thoroughly saturated, the winds in some instances almost leveled great fields of corn.

Frank Warner, who was shot and fatally wounded in an affray on Sassafras Ridge Tuesday, August 7, died Monday night.

## What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895 concluded

### Part 2 Orthography (Time, one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, and syllabication.

2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?

3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.

4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.

5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e'. Name two exceptions under each rule.

6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.

7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, and sup.

8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, and last.

9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, and rays.

10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

### Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon

what does climate depend?

2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?

3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?

4. Describe the mountains of North America.

5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.

6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.

7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.

8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?

9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.

10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it? Also shows you how poor our education system has become...and, NO, I don't have the answers, and I failed the 8th grade test!

For those of you who did not know it, the orthography of a language is the set of rules of how to write. I look it up on Google.

## Whitfield introduces 'Freedom to Fish Act'

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, (KY-01), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, today announced that he has formally introduced legislation to prevent the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) from installing permanent blockades along the Cumberland River. This measure, known as the Freedom to Fish Act, enables boating access to river tailwaters to continue for sportsmen and recreational fishermen.

"I am fed up with the Corps' lack of public consideration in their process to prohibit access to tailwaters near dams on the Cumberland River," stated Whitfield. "I'm also frustrated that the Corps in numerous meetings at all levels has placated the public rather than attempting to work with us to reach a compromise. This has left me with no other choice than to seek a legislative solution to the Corps' overreach."

On December 5, 2012, the USACE, Nashville District re-evaluated its operations for Restricted Areas for Hazardous Waters at dams, which were originally implemented on November 29, 1996. Despite the current practice to allow fishing in the tailwaters since 1996, the Corps recently came up with a new interpretation

of their regulations and determined that they needed to permanently restrict access to the tailwaters. Therefore, the Nashville District changed its Operational Management Plans at the following locations: Barkley, Wolf Creek, Laurel and Martin Fork dams in Kentucky, and Cheatham, K. Percy Priest, Old Hickory, Cordell Hull, Center Hill and Dale Hollow in Tennessee, to come in compliance with their new interpretation.

As a result of the new interpretation, the USACE, Nashville District announced they plan to establish a 24-hour permanent restriction prohibiting all waterborne access to waters immediately upstream and downstream of all dams. Installation of signs, buoys and physical barriers at projects will occur by April 2013. Once these control measures are in place, the Corps will maintain a presence that will prohibit waterborne entry and activities within the restricted area boundaries.

Since learning of the Corps of Engineers Nashville District's decision to fully enforce restricted boating access along the dams, Whitfield has tried

seeking alternative solutions to permanent blockades.

Below is a timeline of Whitfield's work on this issue.

December 20, 2012: Rep. Whitfield participates in a conference call with County Judges White and Lasher, and Lt. Colonel DeLapp, Commander of the Nashville district of the USACE. On the call, Whitfield requests that Lt. Colonel DeLapp consider all options to increase public safety. He also requests that the Corps allow public input before the barriers are constructed.

December 21, 2012: Rep. Whitfield sends a letter to Lt. General Thomas Bostick, Commanding General and Chief of Engineers for the USACE. In the letter, Whitfield relays Judges White and Lasher's concerns regarding permanent barriers.

January 10, 2013: Rep. Whitfield attends a public meeting with nearly 200 other people hosted by USACE in Grand Rivers to seek public input regarding the proposed barriers.

February 5, 2013: Rep. Whitfield meets with Major

General Michael Walsh to further discuss restrictions and to urge USACE to re-examine the decision to permanently restrict boating access to the tailwaters. Also attending the meeting are United States Senator Lamar Alexander and Congressman Jim Cooper. During this meeting, the County Judges and Rep. Whitfield offer a compromise to restrict the tailwater zone only at times when the dam is operating.

February 15, 2013: Rep. Whitfield publicly demands that the USACE come up with an alternative to a permanent blockade along Cumberland River dams. He also releases a discussion draft of a bill that would require an environmental assessment study prior to taking any action to establish permanent blockades.

February 26, 2013: Realizing that the USACE is unwilling to settle for a reasonable alternative, Whitfield introduces legislation preventing the installation of permanent blockades.

For more information, visit [whitfield.house.gov](http://whitfield.house.gov).

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have been a volunteer at KET, Kentucky's statewide public television system, since 2007. I volunteer my time there because for years, my family and I have enjoyed the diverse, wonderful programming and services KET provides and I want to help pass them on to others in my community.

KET produces programming that focuses on Kentucky and keeps us informed on public affairs, arts, health and education in the Commonwealth. From legislative coverage and weekly public affairs programs to *Kentucky Life*, *Louisville Life* and *Kentucky Collectibles* – nobody puts the emphasis on Kentucky that KET does. Plus, KET serves the community through its many outreach efforts and services to our schools.

KET also delivers outstanding national programming, including *Antiques Roadshow*, *Masterpiece*, *Celtic Woman* and the many non-violent, commercial-free children's shows that parents can trust.

For all of these reasons, I support KET and urge others to do the same. There is no better time to show your support than during KET's upcoming TeleFund 2013, March 2-17. You'll feel proud to be a member of KET, knowing that you're helping keep great programs and services on the air for all Kentuckians.

I will be answering the phones on Monday, March 4 in Lexington and would love to hear from you. Please call and ask for me at 1-800-866-0366 from 6-10 p.m. (Central Time). You can also visit [ket.org/](http://ket.org/) support to make your pledge.

Sincerely,  
Carol Major

KET Friends Board Member (District 1)



**OLD GROCERY STORE** - Here is a photo of a grocery from some time ago that we had in the Courier archive files. Does anyone know the name of it or the time period?

## How about grocery stores?

By David K. Holland

Hickman was well equipped with grocery stores in the Thirties and Forties when I was growing up. Starting on KY Highway 94 just past where Lynn and Pat Major now reside and over the bridge on Mud Creek stood Mr. Pete Roper's store. Small, but helpful and convenient for those living in that area. Coming on closer to town, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, the parents of one of our school mates, Pauline Woods, had another small, but handy place that the neighbors could walk to in a pinch for basic supplies.

Then a bigger store with a Sinclair gas station at the front, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hughes was located very close to the then town limits. It was a well-equipped store and I remember seeing there my first terra cotta 'head' on which one sprinkled grass seed. You placed the 'head' in a saucer with water and the terra cotta soaked up the water and the grass seed sprouted...Marvelous! It grew green hair! Now called Chia, whatever that means. That store

site later became a parts store for farm equipment and was part of the Roper and Fields holdings. It is now Mr. Paul Lee Williams' storage site for his farm equipment.

Next was a store run by Mr. Arden Rogers. It was located next to the coal yard run by Mr. Mitchell Wright, who at one time was married to Ms. Eva All. She later married Cecil Pierce and they took over the Arden Rogers store. The store site (not the building) is now occupied by the offices of The Hickman Courier! Later, across the street, Mr. Claude Middleton, father of Mrs. Bonnie Middleton Voorhees, and Mr. Ben White opened a nice store that has gone through several transformations.

Up the street toward College Hill stood a grocery run by the Newton brothers. It was on Moscow Ave. (I believe now called the Great River Road) at Fifth Street on the south side of the street. Across the street from that establishment was once a store of some sort, but well before my time.

Just up the hill was the Bluebirds Inn, run by a nice couple whose names elude me. I

have been trying to find someone who might remember those names. It was a small place, but one could get sandwiches and cold drinks there too.

If you happened to turn at the Bluebirds Inn onto 4th Street and down just a bit on that thoroughfare there was a handy store run by a former ace pitcher from the Negro Leagues, Al (or L.) Keys.

Up on the top of College Hill at the NW corner of Troy Ave. was a store cater-cornered from the old High School building and just north of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Trusty, the parents of the incomparable Velva 'Baby Doll' Trusty Yarbro. It was run by Mr. Jim Mayes and has now been torn down.

Heading toward town and down that first hill was a store on the south side of the street, can't remember who ran it, but it was later a dry cleaning place run by Mr. Carsie and Mrs. Marie Chaney, fine folks who were parents of Donald, one of my closest friends in those days, his brother Dale, and their sister, Dolores.

Now, down the next hill and around the corner on Effinger Hill you went. Around the next corner and toward the final corner leading to the lowest level of the city stood the grocery of Mr. Swift at the corner of Kentucky Street and what is now called Great River Road (Hwy 94). My strongest memory of that place is that my Dad used to buy peanut butter there. It was a rare treat, and it came in small wooden pails.

You pried off the top and there was a puddle of oil with a rather solid mass of ground peanuts under it. You had to stir and

*Editor's Note: The conclusion of this article submitted by David K. Holland will run next week.*

## SENIOR CITIZENS ARE YOUR AWARE?

The Homestead Exemption Is For All Homeowners Who Are Or Will Be 65 During The Current Tax Year, Who Live In Their Home And Claim It As Their Primary Residence. You Must Apply In Person To The PVA And Bring In Proof Of Age and Photo ID. The Property Must Be In The Applicant's Name As Of January 1, 2013. The Total Exemption Allowed Is \$36,000.

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# Courier Crumbs

Our Hickman Courier readers and Facebook friends are starting a new weekly column in the paper called the "Courier Crumbs". Each week we will share three or four old or new recipes for you to try. Please feel free to submit your own recipes for publication. Please specify if they are old or new and who they are from and send to hickmancourier@bellsouth.net or our Facebook page.

## Graham Cracker Cake

submitted by Amber Hoskinson

1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter, softened, divided  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1 (13-1/2-ounce) package graham cracker crumbs  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
3/4 cup milk  
5 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9- x 13-inch baking pan with cooking spray; set aside.

In a large bowl, with an electric beater on medium speed, beat 1 cup butter and granulated sugar 3 to 4 minutes, or until creamy. Add graham cracker crumbs, baking powder, milk, eggs, and vanilla, and beat until well mixed. Stir in coconut and pecans until well mixed then spread batter into baking pan.

Bake for 25-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool completely.

### Marshmallow Frosting:

1 cup granulated sugar  
2 large egg whites, at room temperature  
Pinch cream of tartar  
Pinch salt

Boil 3 tablespoons water and the granulated sugar in a small saucepan over high heat. Stir constantly until the sugar has dissolved. Beat the egg whites, tartar and salt until soft peaks form in a stand up mixer with the whisk attachment. Carefully pour the hot sugar syrup into the egg whites with the mixer at medium speed. Whip the frosting until cool and billowy, about 5 minutes. Put the frosting in a medium piping bag with desired piping tip or just dollop on.

*Serving suggestion:* Top with shaved chocolate or chocolate curls.

## The Cheesecake Factory Cajun Jambalaya Pasta

submitted by Rhonda Ferguson

1/2 tsp white pepper	5 qt water
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper	2 Tbsp olive oil
1 1/2 tsp salt	2 medium tomatoes, chopped
1/2 tsp paprika	1 small green pepper, sliced
1/4 tsp garlic powder	1 small red pepper, sliced
1/4 tsp onion powder	1 small yellow pepper, sliced
2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts	1 small onion, sliced
1/2 lb. large shrimp, peeled and deveined	1 1/2 cups chicken stock
12 oz fettuccine (or pasta of your choice)	1 Tbsp cornstarch
	2 Tbsp white wine
	2 tsp chopped fresh parsley

Mix first 6 ingredients in a small bowl. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Use about 1/3 of seasoning to coat chicken. In another bowl sprinkle 1/3 seasoning on shrimp. Cook pasta to Al Dente and drain.

Heat 1 Tbsp olive oil in skillet over high heat. Sautéé Chicken for 2 minutes per side. Add shrimp and cook for another 2 minutes. Remove from pan. Put pan with juices back over high heat and add remaining oil. Add tomatoes, peppers, and onion to oil. Sprinkle with remaining spice and sautéé for about 10 minutes.

Add chicken and shrimp back in and pour 3/4 cup chicken stock in pan. Cook over high until liquid is almost gone. Add remaining 3/4 cup of stock. Stir constantly scraping blackened stuff on the bottom of pan. Reduce broth some and then turn to low. Combine cornstarch with wine in small bowl. Add to pan and simmer until thickens. Serve over noodles and top with parsley for garnish.



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

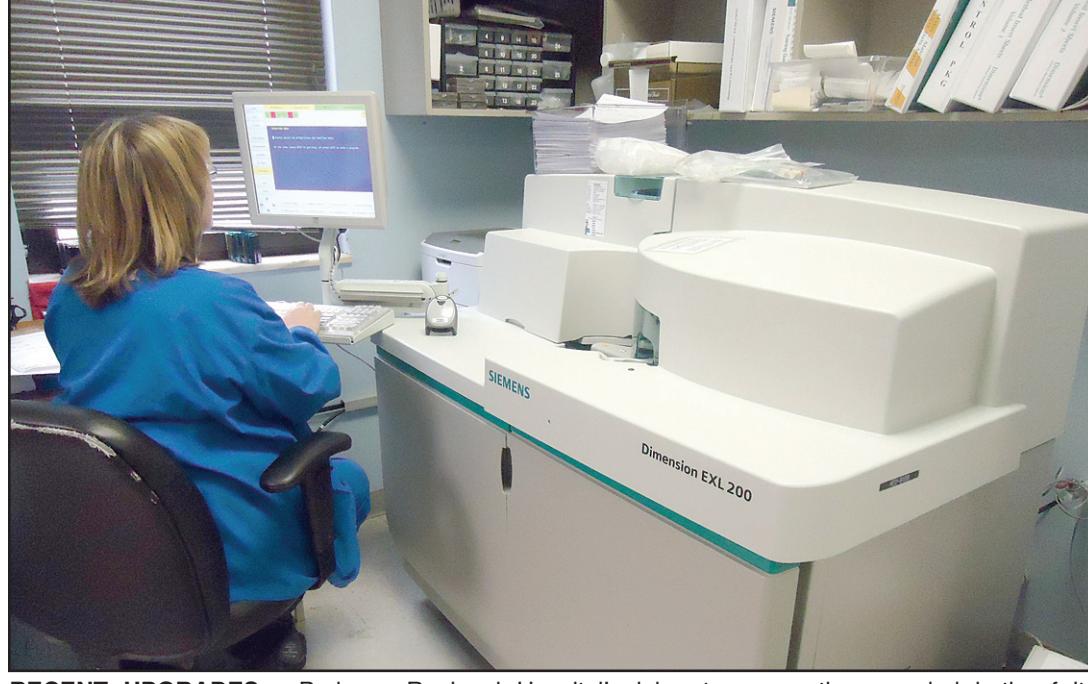
**March 11** – Van Ellingsburg, Kyle Weatherly, Robert Mays, and Jarrod Duty.

**March 12** – Teresa Hayden, Peggy Hollis, Marshall McMullin, Brent Johnson,

**Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club**

Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, Feb. 26 were as follows: Dianna Nerren and John Harbour, first place; Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, second place, and Margie Evans and Betty Jo Wheeler and Doris Lattus and Betty Fields, tied for third/fourth place.

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**RECENT UPGRADES** - Parkway Regional Hospital's laboratory recently upgraded both of its chemistry analyzers to Siemens Dimension EXL 200s, resulting in faster test results and more accurate cardiac markers and thyroid testing. Kidney function and lactic acid tests are also available with the upgrade. "Our new equipment is great for our patients because turnaround time is shorter for doctors to receive test results, and it reduces wait time in the ER," says Cheryl Workman, MLT (ASCP) (pictured).

## Willie Webb celebrates 100th birthday and Christmas with family and friends

Willie Louise Nevil Webb celebrated her 100th birthday on October 20, 2012, at Lake Road Baptist Church and also her 100th Christmas December 29, 2012 at the Farm Bureau Center in Union City, Tenn. She was from a family of 19 siblings. She and two brothers are still living. The youngest living lives in Dresden, Tenn. Elmer and Helen Cole Nevil were able to attend. Melvin Nevil wasn't able to attend.

Her husband, William "Bill" Webb of 50 years past away in December of 1978. She has been a housewife, worked on the farm, Milan Powder Plant, store clerk, and owned a grocery store.

She has lived in several states including Kentucky, Texas, Mississippi, Indiana and now lives in Troy, Tenn.

She is the mother of four children Vercie Darnall Halton of Troy, Tenn. and Lehman and Alice Sawyers Webb of Kenton, Tenn., Wilma Turner, of Troy, and the late Billy Webb of Lake Station, Ind. The three living children were able to be at her birthday party and Christmas party.

Grandchildren attending were Jimmy and Linda Darnall of Wickliffe, Ky., Terry and Nancy Darnall of Newbern, Tenn., Mark and Cindy Darnall of Troy, Phillip and Lisa Darnall of Lexington, Tenn., Joe Halton from Nashville, Tenn., Milton and Zena Webb



Willie Louise Nevil Webb

of Springville, Tenn., Donna Webb Cunningham of Kenton, Tenn., John David and Dorothy Preasley Webb, of Jackson, Tenn., Stanley and Sue Shearer Turner of Portage, Ind.

Great-grandchildren attending were Rebecca Darnall Ray of Paducah, Ky., Tony and Lisa Darnall, Chuckie and Nickie Darnall of Troy, Stephenia Darnall Cagle of Newbern, Stephen Darnall of Memphis, Tenn., Lehman Douglas Webb, Donya Webb, all of Milan, Tenn., Jonathan Burns of Troy, Tenn., Phillip and Maranda Darnall of Kenton, Rickey Darnall and Micheal Darnall of Lexington, Tenn., Joe and Kim Turner Ozug, of Chesterton,

Cousins were Mary Nevil Clymer of Mayfield, Ky. and son Jeff and Victoria Taylor of Fulton, Ruby Nevil Covington and daughter Jana Wright of Cross Plains, Tenn., Bettie Joe Crousen King of Kenton.

Friends were Carol Thomas, Joyce Freeman, Bobby Goff, Amber Hogg, Nickie Lee and children Remi and Grayden, Lig Thompson, Bart and Gina Fuller, Courtney Watts, Jimmy Elks, X.L. Ping, Jimmy Cirlin, Donald and Janet Baggett, Teresa Spillman, Faye Workman, Nan Sproles, Don and Crystal McKeel, Gary and Sue Killebrew, Ann Jackson, Neal Rice, Gene and Joyce Baggett, Judy Grooms, James and Diana Henson and son, (the late Rickey Henson), Jimmy Elks and Austin Elks, James and Jane Palmer, George and Pat McCullough and granddaughter, Allie, Susie Wright, Mini True, Maurice McKinnis, Bill and Wilma Morris, Darold and Kathy Gamblin, Bo and Judy Faulkner, Chris and Loraie Baggett and Alex, all of Union City, Ashley Price, Brittany Jones and Nolan Jones, Kaleigh Flowers, Marca Boulton of South Fulton, Tenn., Donna Anderson, Raymond Ward of Wingo, Ky., Buddy and Norma Jones of Nashville, Norman and Jeanette Davis of Martin, Betty Ruth Parker King of Paducah, Bro. Chip and Lana Davis of Troy, Connie and Betty Keene, Doc and June Roberts, Sam and Doris Weatherly, Bro. Jim Fortner, all from Hickman, Ky., Clifton and Debra Darnall, James Clark, Joan Darnall Jackson, Bro. Thomas Fortner of Trenton, Matt Jones and Allyson Jones, and Rachel Autry, of Jackson.



Ivittie Anderson McMullin

## Ivittie McMullin to turn 90

Ms. Ivittie Anderson McMullin will be honored with a 90th birthday celebration on Sunday, March 10, from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at The Citizens Bank in Hickman.

She has two children, Judy and Joe Terrett of Union City,

Tenn., and Bobby and Judith Ann Anderson of Hickman; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She requests no gifts, but a card with your presence is enough.

Honey glazed chicken, baked potato, seasoned cabbage, whole-wheat bread, sliced pineapple, and skim milk.

Meatloaf, roasted red potatoes, glazed carrots, whole-wheat roll, fruit cup, and skim milk.

Baked ziti, tossed salad, whole-wheat roll, black forest cake, and skim milk.

Barbecue pork, lima beans, marinated cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, sliced strawberries, whole-wheat bread, and skim milk.

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## Sports In Kentucky

For the Hickman Courier  
By Bob Watkins

A grizzled septuagenarian basketball fan looked out over his coffee cup the other day and said, "Y'know, I've lived long enough to have seen just about everything."

Maybe. Maybe not.

Dateline: Pyongyang. When an ex-basketball flake with barbed wire hanging from his lips and nose makes himself USA's ambassador to North Korea, my 75-year-old pal has plenty of new stuff to look forward to.

Dennis Rodman told the world last week that dictator Kim Jong Un "is an awesome kid" who loves basketball as much as Barack Obama. And, he said, Jong Un wants a phone call from President of the United States to make everything all right.

Think of it, Obama out back of the White House, posting up his man.

Meanwhile, what a pair for diplomacy, Dennis Rodman and a fan with his finger on a nuclear button.

But let us be optimistic. Our world could be saved by a phone call request channeled by nose-ring cross-dresser who hangs out with the Globetrotters. Then, who knows, we could witness nomination for a Nobel Prize for Peace ... Dennis Rodman.

No, my 75-year-old friend has not seen everything. Better hang around awhile.

America. I love this place!

### KENTUCKY

With the Kentucky Wildcats having played themselves back onto the ledge of the NCAA Tournament at Arkansas, a few things seem obvious.

First, the bull rush play at Fayetteville brought to mind...

Rick Pitino style.

• Rush tempo early, get crowd involved, influence game officials who often cannot resist being swept up in crowd-pleasing on 50-50 calls.

• Test officials early, find level of rough play allowed.

Coach Mike Anderson added to the frenzy by substituting in waves.

Result? The Wildcats rushed, were rattled, got tired and let themselves be bullied.

Which brings us to...

### LEAVIN' & STAYIN' DEPT.

Kentucky's Alex Poythress and Archie Goodwin.

This month and next fans will watch for...

1. Hints on who coaches want to return next season and not.

2. Signs for who players and families are listening to (advisors/agents).

Alex Poythress. On his bone-jarring/in your face test on the road, he failed.

Poythress's lackluster body language indicates he's ready to be paid-to-play. Reality: Sit on an NBA bench, be a spot player; Or, like Terrence Jones, play in the development league.

Archie Goodwin. Instincts and style, unless Goodwin changes dramatically, the coach-speak hints are there is no place for him at Kentucky next season.

He is a one-on-everybody player who's style better suited to the NBA though he is clearly not physically ready and certainly not mature enough.

Bottom line. With Calipari's recruiting class for next season, playing time for Poythress and Goodwin as they are today, projects to go down, not up.

### SELECTION SUNDAY

Days until college basketball's biggest holiday, Selection Sunday, is near single digits and what do we have? Precisely what fans want no clear-cut favorite to the Final Four, and number one seeds still up for grabs.

Heading to league tournaments, who's playing best? Gonzaga (West), Duke (Southeast), Georgetown (East) and Louisville (Midwest).

### 'NEW' BIG EAST

With the so-called Catholic 7 as its core, college basketball's newest hot item is the NEW Big East: DePaul, Georgetown, Marquette, Providence, St. John's, Seton Hall and Villanova

will be joined by Butler, Xavier, St. Louis, Dayton and Creighton.

Lots to like about this new league.

Little wonder television (FOX) is clamoring for a contract. Market reach begins with the Big East tournament staying at Madison Square Garden and stretching into ratings rich cities, Philadelphia, Cincinnati on to Chicago and St. Louis on to Omaha, Nebraska.

Impact in Kentucky? None, right? Wrong. Louisville's Yum Center will sell out for future Cardinal opponents Duke, North Carolina and other ACC teams, and Charlie Strong's football program will be a force, basketball series with more geographically compatible rivals won't happen.

### WESTERN KENTUCKY

Conference re-alignments further afield, Western Kentucky would have been a better geographic fit in Conference USA than Florida Atlantic. FAU and Middle Tennessee left the Sun Belt for C-USA. Should have been Middle and Western.

With Eastern Kentucky long

since in its rear view mirror,

WKU athletics lose rival Middle Tennessee also.

A Hilltopper all-sports presence in C-USA would be a natural alongside Southern Miss, Marshall and Memphis, with good exposure into media markets Houston, New Orleans (Tulane) on to Tulsa.

View here is, Western Kentucky, like Middle Tennessee, has outgrown the Sun Belt.

### UK-WKU PERFECT STORM

And, in a perfect storm kind of way the Kentucky-Western Kentucky football opener Aug. 31 is already starting to draw a day-to-day countdown.

Hilltoppers fans, still aglow from beating UK in Lexington last year, are anxious to get the Wildcats in neutral Nashville this year.

New coach Bobby Petrino, a bevy of returnees and large recruiting class, adds to expectations.

Meanwhile, Kentucky fans are revving up also with new coaches, a well regarded recruiting class and must-win-this-one motivation.

For Kentucky after WKU, the Wildcats move on to play consecutively: Louisville, Florida, (at) South Carolina, Alabama and (at) Mississippi State.

Footnote: Unofficially, more than 27,000 tickets have been allotted already for Kentucky's spring game April 13.

### PARTING SHOT

As Syracuse continue to spiral downward, the coach's patience with media did likewise. Following another loss, Jim Boeheim at a postgame press conference was asked why a certain player was on the bench at a crucial time. He blew off the question and replied,

"Any more coaches here? Want to ask another coaching question? I'd be happy to take it. I've only been doing this 37 years, I'm sure you've got more ideas of who we should play or we shouldn't play or who should lead? What do I know?"

It's March after all, a trip on road to the Final Four some coaches won't be making.

And so it goes.

## Kenimer



**SATURDAY LEAGUE FUN** - (Clockwise from the top) Hands up! Everyone has their hands up in defense during a Saturday League morning game. Maddie Morrison shoots through tough defense and then Jywon Jones cuts through the defense of Taylor Sipes, Cameron McNeill, and Tanner Ford. Saturday League action continues through Saturday, March 16 in the Fulton County High School gym beginning at 9 a.m. (Photo submitted.)



**HABITAT SPRAHETTI SUPER FUNDRAISER** - Habitat for Humanity held their annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, Feb. 28 at Hickman First United Methodist Church's Life Enrichment Center. (Clockwise from top) Larry Myatt, Lyla Burnette, Judy Myatt and Roger Adams are enjoying the delicious spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts; Karen and Tim Langford look over the bake sale items; and Barry Patrick holds his plate close to help him enjoy the delicious spaghetti. (Photos by Barbara Atwill)



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## Smith

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stated Smith, Jr.

Smith, Jr. will graduate with an associate's degree in Physical Education from Gulf Coast on May 4. He is looking forward to earning his bachelor's degree from one of these five schools.

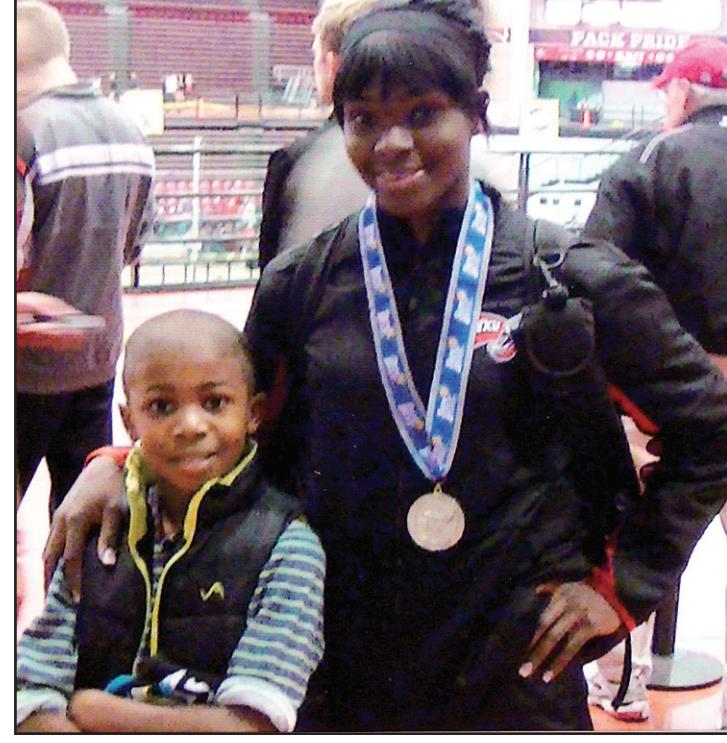
"My time being away from Hickman in a new environment has made me a better young man," remarked Smith, Jr. "and I know that I am responsible for my own future. Everyone should know if they try, their goals are attainable and can be realized."

## Smith shines during final indoor collegiate season

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - The Western Kentucky University (WKU) track and field teams feature a wide diversity of athletes from different regions around the world including Sharika Smith. Smith, a senior at WKU, is a former Fulton County athlete and she is having a successful final Indoor Collegiate Track Season. She will complete her Collegiate Track & Field Career at WKU this spring with the Outdoor Track Season.

Hickman, Ky. native, Smith, an All-American long and triple jumper in 2011, nabbed an individual title and a second-place medal at the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships February 24 and February 25. Smith won the triple jump title with a leap of 41-feet-0.75 inches, the third-longest mark in school history. She set the school record in 2011 with a 42-feet-3 inch jump. Smith captured second-place honors in the long jump with a mark of 20-feet-2 inches. Entering the final outdoor season of her career, Smith has earned all-Sun Belt Conference honors eight times.

On Saturday, Feb 2 at the



**PROUD MOMENT** - Sharika Smith (right) proudly displays her recent medal with Corey Smith, II at her side during a recent indoor track meet in Arkansas. (Photo submitted.)

### SENIOR Spotlight

**Amanda Carol Macklin**  
Parent's names: Bob and Lisa Macklin  
Brothers name: Justin Macklin  
Church and/or community involvement: I attend East Hickman Baptist Church.  
Plans after graduation: I hope to go to Murray State, go out and start my life, and move out of mom and dad's house.  
Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: Skills USA, and FBLA.  
Favorite part of school: Going to Dallas' class and joking around and having a fun time.  
Something interesting about yourself: I love hunting, mudding, singing and having fun with friends.  
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: Senior Parade and when the school got rolled and Mr. B got mad.

**Garrett Walters**  
Parent's names: Gary Walters and Marty Walters  
Brothers and sisters names: Joseph Porter, Derrick Walters, and Catlion Harris  
Plans after graduation: Join the Army  
Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: Skills USA  
Favorite part of school: The shop classes  
Something interesting about yourself: I have a guard dog named Salvador  
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: Bending the rail in the gym with my head while doing front flips off the bleachers.

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Smith journeyed to South Bend, Ind. last weekend, aiming to strengthen consideration for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Last Chance Meet hosted by the University of Notre Dame. Other recent honors for the former Lady Pilot track star include being named the Sun Belt Conference Female Field Athlete of the Week earlier in February.

Smith also earned the honor after recording a 40-foot-6.75 mark in the triple jump at last weekend's Middle Tennessee Invitational, the second-best leap in the Sun Belt Conference this season.

Smith also notched a runner-up finish in the 55-meter hurdles with a clocking of 8.10 seconds. On the season, Smith holds Lady Topper highs in the 60-meter dash (7.79), 55-meter hurdles (8.10), 60-meter hurdles (8.77), long jump (19.06.75) and triple jump (40.06.75).

Smith's field athlete of the week honor is the first for a Lady Topper this season and third overall for the WKU track and field program.

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Middle Tennessee Invitational the Lady Toppers strung together four titles on the afternoon, highlighted by Smith's triple jump winning leap of 40-feet-5 inches. The mark was the second-longest jump in the Sun Belt Conference this season.

Smith, a versatile senior, also finished runner up in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.10 seconds.

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## Exploring the Great Outdoors in Kentucky

By Cory Ramsey

Consider the column a dispatch from a random Kentucky county road and I'll tell you that the Easter Flowers are already in roadside full bloom, and have been for weeks. Weather patterns go out the window as do my eyes as I see spring once again pull a coup d'état on the back fringes of winter's propensity.

Whatever happened to seasons that were defined? March 20, June 21, September 22, and December 21. Stay in your zone like a Kentucky basketball player, guys. Alas, both the ballplayers and seasons have struggled to do so as of late. 75 degrees in January. Then snow. Then 75 again. Multiple tornadoes at random. Then an ice storm the next day. Springtime in the middle of Valentine's Day afternoon. Heavy coats unused for a whole winter (so called). T-shirts out well before the moth balls paid their due in the closet. Then the flowers. Already? Like a clock that's been foolishly set forward as a prank on the unsuspecting. Is it May already? Nope, got ya! It's just late January.

We like our weather like our politicians. Perfect, and in the middle. Seventy degrees and blue skies forever. No wind, no clouds, no rain. Ever. Perhaps we'd allow a mist to come up from the earth to water the ground a la Genesis 2, but then we'd complain about the wet grass on our shoes. We want



from a sunburned brow in the heat of the day. Too much of something. Not enough of another. At least the Easter flowers look pretty for Valentine's Day.

The road is open and paved with my taxpayer asphalt for 2013. I've been told I have to work at my "real" job 7 days a week for the bulk of the year. For the past six years, I've been a welder at an automotive plant in Bowling Green. Helps buy the ink pens to write newspaper columns. But 7 days? Where's a weekend when you need it? This year, I'm carving out my own in the form of the morning before my second shift clock-in time of 2:30. Seeing Kentucky with hiking and road trips regardless of the workload, timing my adventures to return to Bowling Green on time (I hope). I'm calling it the "Kiss My Tail Tour," and you can keep up with where I've been so far on my website, [www.coryramseyoutdoors.com](http://www.coryramseyoutdoors.com). See you on the road or on the trail. And if not, I'll say hello to the flowers for ya. They've bloomed early this year.

## Loans for socially disadvantaged persons from USDA FSA

USDA Farm Service Agency reserves funds each year to make loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms. A socially disadvantaged farmer is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For the purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups have been defined as women, Blacks or African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

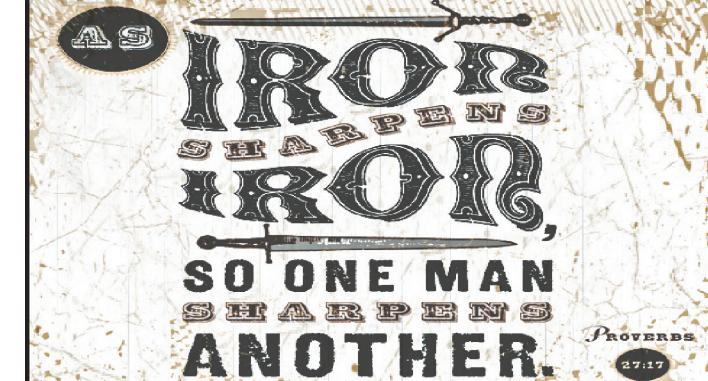
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**COMMUNICATIONS DAY** - (Clockwise, from left) Joyrian Bradley, eighth grader, Taylor Everett, third grader and Caroline Morrison, seventh grader, all participated in Communications Day on Friday, March 1. Everett did a demonstration on French dip sandwiches. Morrison did a speech on experiences with chicken barns and Bradley's speech was on civil rights. (Photos submitted.)

## Port

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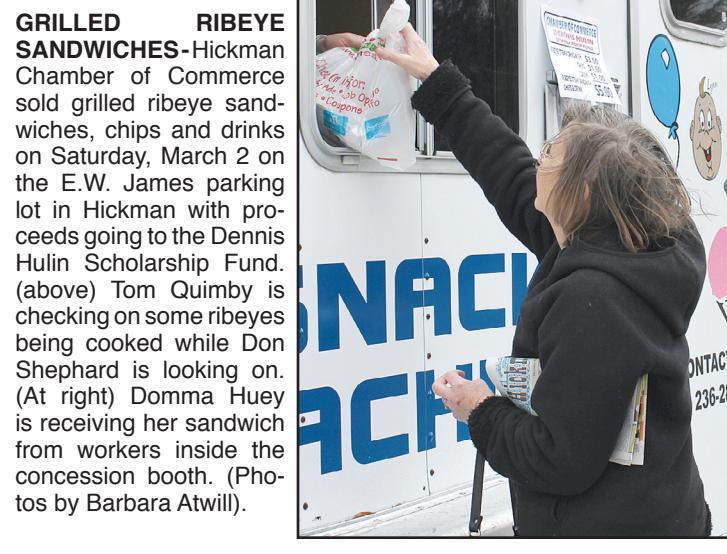
domestic markets.

The Daily Livestock Report from December 2012 reiterates the corn export trend currently being experienced by the port showing a drop in corn exportation. "Corn exports are down sharply and ethanol production has slowed considerably compared to a year ago." At that time the weekly corn export report for October and November showed an average of 13.5 million bushels per week, compared to 32.1 million bushels per week averaged during the same period a year ago, a 58% decline.

Aging equipment and the need for additional equipment is another factor contributing to the Port's need to look for other ways to expand their business.

One option that might draw in more business would be to purchase a grain sampler. "We were looking at this as a possibility before and the cost is \$25,000 to \$30,000," said Curnil. "It would be beneficial to sample the grain with this newer, more modern equipment than with the equipment we currently have." Curnil believes this would attract more customers.

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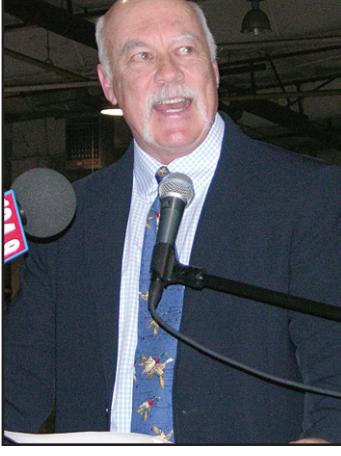
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**GOVERNOR ADDRESSES THE CROWD** - (Above) The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Governor Steve Beshear (standing) was on hand March 4 to welcome Fulton County's newest industry, MVP Group International, Inc. to their new facility in Fulton's Industrial Park on Hwy. 307. The plant will employ 150 when it reaches full capacity, as well as produce 200,000-250,000 candles each day. Others on hand include Greg Grissom, Brad Davis and Eddie Crittenden. **JUDGE GALLAGHER ALSO SPOKE** - (At left) Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher also addressed a large crowd attending the official announcement of the county's newest industry, MVP Group International, Inc. March 4 at the Fulton Industrial Park facility where the plant will operate. Troy Travis and Mary Propes, (not pictured) the mother-sons business team who formed MVP Group International, were also on hand for the celebration. The plant will begin manufacturing candles May 1. (Photos by Benita Fuzzell.)

## Manager

terfield Ag, also of Union City. "I believe he (McTurner) will be a good asset with a new approach on the community", said Commissioner Phillip Williams. "I'm excited about having him move into the city and bringing new ideas. He is goal oriented, and I liked his plan to have better relationships and communications with our department heads. I really think he is a good fit for the job".

Commissioner Roger Adams said he was pleased with McTurner's plans for the job, and said overall that it was "good to get someone in the office".

"Johnny is a good candidate", said Adams. "He will come in

## Obion Creek Restoration project underway

Benita Fuzzell

A field site tour of the Obion Creek Restoration project in Hickman County on March 1 was preceded by a meeting conducted by the Jackson Purchase Foundation, Inc., and featured presentations by Tim Kreher, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; Joyce Bender of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission; and Dr. Art Parola, University of Louisville Stream Institute. Dr. Parola was assisted in the presentation by Clayton Mastin, a design engineer with the university.

The event's itinerary included a welcome to Pontotoc Community Center in downtown Fulton, with comments and presentations outlining the project's timeline, documented with a Power Point presentation to the audience of approximately 50, including Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher and Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt.

Pruitt, pleased that the project is moving forward, said, "This project is important for farmers and landowners on Obion Creek, and is also important for highway maintenance." He went on to say, "This is another positive project that is happening because many organizations with different motives came together."

Although Gallagher thought the meeting was informative he wonders what the next step will be. "I'm not sure how far they will go from here," he said. "The local taxing district is small in our county (Fulton)."

Funding for the project, which began, according to Dr. Parola, in 1998, was made possible through Environmental Protection Agency 319H grants, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Program, the Kentucky Nature Preserves and the Kentucky Department of Transportation Enhancement program.

The area adjacent to Highway 307 Bridge in Hickman County was included in the various phases of the project in which the configuration of the Obion Creek was altered using a Tennessee contractor's floating excavator.

The project's focus was primarily to replace ecological functions of the creek addressing flooding, reduce the permanent ponding on the Obion Creek flood plain, increase the water level fluctuation at Murphy's Pond, and restore the Channel habitat. Ultimately, ponding would be reduced in adjacent land, with a reduction of flooding to the east of Highway 307, as well as a reduction of debris and erosion on the bridge embankment in that area.

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here and see things with a different set of eyes. He was a good supervisor at Goodyear, and he has the experience in handling employee situations. I think he will do a good job."

Commissioner Charles Chote said McTurner's lack of knowing many people here now may be an asset. "He is not coming into this job with any agenda, except to learn about city government, how it operates, and what he can do to make it better. It was easy to tell during his interview that he saw this as a challenge that he was ready to take on. We (the Commission) know, and he knows, that there is a lot to learn with our differ-

ent departments, the budget, city ordinances and basic day to day operations. But, with his hands on approach, experience and desire to be successful in this job, I believe will make him a good fit in Hickman".

During a telephone conference call with the Commission and Mayor David Lattus following the vote, McTurner agreed to move to Hickman within a six month period and is scheduled to begin his first day in office on March 19.

The City has been without a full-time City Manager since last October, when former Manager Larry Myatt was terminated from the position.

its own.

Mastin said in the 5000-feet of the pilot channel, only eight trees were downed, with the channel redirected around trees and natural habitat, such as a beaver lodge, whenever possible. In one photograph taken at the site, new cypress tree growth was observed; before the work was done, seedlings had no chance to sprout.



**DISCUSSING A PROJECT** - (l to r) Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher, Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt, Dr. Art Parola and Clayton Mastin were together last week discussing the Obion Creek Restoration project in Hickman County on Friday, March 1. (Photo by Benita Fuzzell.)

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## Test scores going up at Fulton County

Charlotte Smith

**Editor**

Just five months ago Fulton County's elementary and high schools both became focus schools after scores were released on November 2. Targeted areas to be addressed were outlined and Superintendent Dennis Bledsoe pointed out particular components that each school needed to focus on.

College/career readiness and ACT scores were just two of the areas the high school planned to focus on and both schools planned to stress a need to look at GAP (difference between two groups). This focuses on students at the elementary and high school levels between free/reduced lunch students and non-free/reduced lunch students. Over ninety percent of the elementary students are in economic need.

During the February school board meeting Mr. John Brunsting received a certificate in recognition of his five years of working with the school system

in the area of math. "There were a lot of areas of concern when our relationship began," he said. "We have stressed professional development and have identified a problem of mathematical literacy in the high school." He added that the freshman class is the strongest that it has been and everything seems to be in line for continued improvement.

"We still have some great challenges ahead," he continued, "The attitudes of the teachers and administrators have been marvelous."

The latest test scores were also shared with improvements shown across the board in most areas. With 38 students taking the PLAN Test 63.2% met the benchmark in English, 26.3% in Math, 47.4% in Reading and 13.5% in Science. Last year 42 students took the same test and only 50% met the benchmark in English, 21.4% in Math, 28.6% in Reading and 14.3% in Science. The only decline was in Science.

Composite scores in the

high school also went up when comparing them to the National Average (NA). The NA was 17.2 and Fulton County High School (FCHS) scored a 17.3 (last year the score was 16.2). In English the NA was 16.2 and FCHS was 16.5; Reading the NA was 16.7 and FCHS was 17.8 and in Science the NA was 17.8 and FCHS 18.1. The only score that was lower than the NA was in Math, FCHS was 16.5 and the NA is 17.6.

Areas out for continued improvement at FCHS outlined by the staff include:

• Keep utilizing ACT problems of the day on announcements.

• Teachers continue using ACT-like bellringers.

• Students will continue to use the TCA (Triumph College Access Online Program). This program is being used in the classrooms and can be accessed at home by the students.

• Continue interventions.

• Continue to strive to increase their PLAN scores with every student at FCHS



**ACCIDENT ON UNION CITY HIGHWAY** - At approximately 11:09 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, Fulton County Sheriff Deputy Robby Woods responded to an accident involving a 1999 Ford Explorer and a 1991 Saturn on Union City Highway near Montgomery School Road. Gerald Kimbro, 77, of Hickman,



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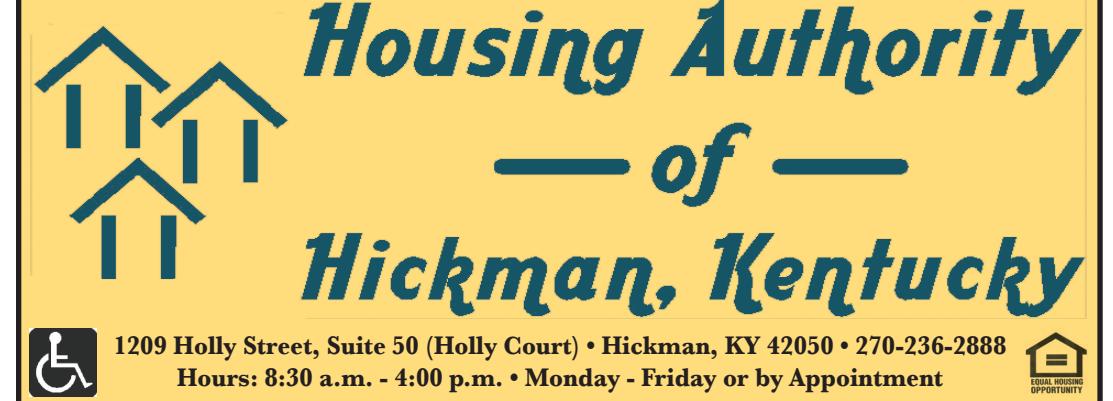


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